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SUBJECT:DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING - CYPRUS

FOLLOWING ARE PERTINENT EXCERPTS OF PRESS BRIEFING BY  
DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ROBERT ANDERSON ON CYPRUS SITUATION  
AUGUST 26:

QUOTE: LAST WEEK WE INDICATED THE EXTENT OF OUR RELIEF  
ASSISTANCE TO CYPRUS AND I WOULD NOW LIKE TO UPDATE LAST  
WEEK'S FIGURES:

U.S. RELIEF EFFORTS IN CYPRUS ARE MOVING FORWARD RAPIDLY.  
AS OF TODAY A TOTAL OF \$2.1 MILLION OF ASSISTANCE HAS BEEN  
PROVIDED TO REFUGEES IN GREEK-HELD, OR BRITISH-BASED AREAS  
ON THE ISLAND. AS PART OF THIS TOTAL, THE U.S. HAS DIS-  
TRIBUTED OVER \$900,000 WORTH OF RELIEF SUPPLIES INCLUDING  
CAMPING EQUIPMENT AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES.

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AID'S FUND FOR THE DISASTER RELIEF CENTER ARRANGED FOR THE AIRLIFT OF 3,000 FAMILY-SIZE TENTS TO CYPRUS, WHICH ARE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE TODAY.

ALSO DUE TODAY ARE 15,000 WOOL BLANKETS.

ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE TO SEND ADDITIONAL 12,000 BLANKETS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

NOW AS YOU KNOW, WE SENT WITH AMBASSADOR BROWN -- IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE DEATH OF AMBASSADOR DAVIES, AN EXPERT FROM AID FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF EXAMINING ON THE GROUND AND REPORTING BACK ANY ASSISTANCE NEEDS THAT THE ISLAND MIGHT HAVE. AS SOON AS WE HAVE THIS REPORT, WE WILL URGENTLY CONSIDER ALL THE PROPOSALS THAT MAY BE MADE SO THAT WE CAN BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE.

Q: ON CYPRUS, ARE WE STILL SUPPORTING A BRITISH INITIATIVE FOR THE SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM OR HAVE WE REACHED THE CONCLUSION THAT THE BRITISH INITIATIVE HASN'T GOT MUCH OF A CHANCE?

A: LET ME ANSWER IT IN THIS WAY, IF I MAY: WE SUPPORT THE PRESENT FORUM FOR NEGOTIATIONS. NOW THIS WOULD OBVIOUSLY BRING UP WHAT YOU ASKED ME -- WHAT ALL OF YOU ASKED ME ON FRIDAY -- ABOUT THE SOVIET PROPOSAL. AND OUR PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT IS THAT THE CREATION OF STILL ANOTHER FORUM WOULD NOT BE USEFUL.

NEVERTHELESS, WE ARE WILLING TO CONSIDER ANY PROPOSAL FOR MOVING FORWARD THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS, WHOCH WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO ALL THE PARTIES.

Q: ...THERE'S THE ATTEMPT BEING MADE TO BASICALLY HAVE THE TWO CYPRIOT LEADERS COME TO SOME SORT OF A BEGINNING OF AN AGREEMENT, TO GET THINGS MOVING. I TAKE IT WE THINK THAT'S A FINE IDEA.

A: WE WELCOME THAT MOST WHOLEHEARTEDLY, BECAUSE THERE ARE TWO PARTIES TO THE DISPUTE ON THE ISLAND, AND OBVIOUSLY, UNCLASSIFIED

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THEY -- PRELIMINARY REPORTS THAT I HAVE SEEN, THE SAME ONES THAT YOU HAVE -- ARE THAT THEY MET TODAY.

WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY REPORT ON THE RESULTS OF THE MEETING, BUT OBVIOUSLY THE MORE THAT THEY CAN TALK TOGETHER, THE MORE HELPFUL WE THINK THE RESULTS MIGHT EVENTUALLY BE.

Q: IS SECRETARY KISSINGER IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH ECEVIT AND THE GREEK LEADERS AND THE CYPRIOT LEADERS?

A: YES -- ON THE QUESTION OF -- YOU KNOW, THE SECRETARY -- HOW MANY TIMES A DAY HE TALKS TO SO AND SO, OR SENDS TELEGRAMS AND SO ON -- I SAID LAST WEEK THAT WE JUST CANNOT GIVE EVERY SINGLE CONTACT THAT HE MAKES.

BUT IN A GENERAL ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION: OVER THE WEEKEND, HE HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH ALL OF THE DIFFERENT PARTIES.

IN THESE PARTICULAR CASES, I BELIEVE THE MAJORITY OF THE COMMUNICATIONS WERE BY TELEGRAM -- BUT EACH DAY, IT'S DIFFICULT TO SORT OF "TAKE THE TEMPERATURE EVERY TWO HOURS" HERE.

Q: IS PART OF THE SECRETARY'S EFFORT DIRECTED TO GETTING THE GREEKS TO THE TABLE?

A: THE SECRETARY, AS I HAVE SAID BEFORE, IS TRYING TO DO ANYTHING HE CAN TO INDUCE THE NEGOTIATIONS TO START -- AND HE HAS REPEATEDLY TOLD THE PARTIES THAT WE ARE WILLING TO BE AS HELPFUL AS WE CAN, AND PARTIES WISH US TO BE.

THERE IS NO "AMERICAN PLAN" AT ALL HERE.

HE CONTINUES TO ASK FOR IDEAS, AND HE IS NOW GOING TO CONTINUE TO DO THIS -- JUST TRYING TO BE AS HELPFUL AS HE CAN BUT IN CARRYING ON QUIET DIPLOMACY HERE, AND TRYING TO GET THE PARTIES TO NEGOTIATE.

Q: ON FRIDAY, THE AMERICAN-GREEK COMMUNITY LEADERS THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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WENT TO VISIT THE SECRETARY IN THE EVENING, TOLD US THAT THE SECRETARY FAVORS A SINGLE, SOVEREIGN, AUTONOMOUS STATE FOR CYPRUS.

IS THIS THE SECRETARY'S POSITION?

AND IF SO, FOR A FULL MONTH WE HAVE BEEN ASKING ABOUT THE AMERICAN POSITION REGARDING TO CYPRUS AND WE HAVE NEVER BEEN TOLD THIS BEFORE.

COULD YOU GIVE US SOME EXPLANATION AS TO WHY IT HAS BEEN TOLD TO THE GREEK-AMERICAN LEADERS, AND NOT TO US?

A: WELL, WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, I DON'T ACCEPT THE STATEMENT YOU HAVE MADE.

FIRST OF ALL, WHAT THE GREEK REPRESENTATIVE STATED AFTER VISITING WITH THE SECRETARY IS ACCURATE, AND HE WAS AUTHORIZED TO SAY THIS ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY.

NOW AS TO THE SUBSTANCE OF THE STATEMENT, THIS IS ENTIRELY CONSISTENT WITH WHAT OUR POLICY HAS BEEN, RIGHT FROM THE BEGINNING, HERE. YOU MIGHT SAY DIFFERENT WORDS ARE USED,

BUT WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY SAID THAT WE FAVOR THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF CYPRUS, FOR EXAMPLE.

THE INDEPENDENCE OF CYPRUS.

AND "SOLE AND SOVEREIGN" TO ME, THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE WHATSOEVER.

THERE IS NO REVERSAL OF POLICY, IT'S JUST A REITERATION OF IT AND THIS TIME, SAID BY SOMEONE ELSE.

Q: I DON'T RECALL EVER HAVING HEARD IN THIS ROOM, THE PHRASE BEING USED, "A SINGLE, SOVEREIGN, AUTONOMOUS STATE FOR CYPRUS."

A: NO, I JUST SAID THAT. BUT THE MEANING IS THE SAME.

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NOW WHY THE CHANGES IN ADJECTIVES, I FRANKLY DO NOT ATTACH THAT MUCH IMPORTANCE TO THE CHANGES IN ADJECTIVES. THE POLICY IS THE SAME.

AND WITH REGARD TO "AUTONOMOUS", THERE AGAIN IF YOU GO BACK TO THE STATEMENT I MADE HERE A WEEK AGO, WHERE WE DID SAY THAT WE FAVORED A GREATER DEGREE OF AUTONOMY FOR THE TURKISH COMMUNITY.

BUT THIS DOESN'T CONTRADICT HAVING A SOLE, SOVEREIGN CYPRUS, IN ANY WAY, AND ...

Q: DOESN'T THAT CONTRADICT HAVING AN AUTONOMOUS CYPRUS? HOW CAN THEY BOTH BE AUTONOMOUS?

A: WELL, WITHIN A SOLE, SOVEREIGN CYPRUS, YOU CAN HAVE A GREATER DEGREE OF AUTONOMY FOR THE TURKS.

BUT AS I HAVE SAID HERE, MANY TIMES BEFORE, IT IS NOT UP TO US TO DEFINE, IN ANY WAY, THE NATURE OF THAT AUTONOMY. THAT IS SOMETHING THAT HAS TO BE DECIDED AND AGREED UPON BY THE PARTIES, BECAUSE IF THEY DON'T AGREE, IT WON'T

WORK.

Q: COULD I COME BACK AND COMMENT ABOUT THE SOVIET PROPOSAL? AS I GATHER, YOU SAY THE UNITED STATES-- I'VE FORGOTTEN THE DIPLOMATIC WORD YOU USED -- FEELS IT WOULDN'T BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL AT THIS TIME.

ON THE OTHER HAND, YOU SAID THAT IF THE PARTIES

FAVORED, THEN WE MIGHT GO ALONG WITH IT.

BY "PARTIES" WHO DO YOU MEAN? DO YOU MEAN THE TURKS, AND GREEKS, AND CYPRIOTS? OR DO YOU MEAN ALL THE PARTIES INCLUSIVE IN THE SOVIET STATEMENT -- I.E. ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AS WELL?

A: WELL, WHAT I ACTUALLY SAID WAS...OUR PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT, FIRST OF ALL IS THAT THE CREATION OF STILL ANOTHER FORUM WOULD NOT BE USEFUL.  
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NEVERTHELESS, WE ARE WILLING TO CONSIDER ANY PROPOSAL FOR MOVING TOWARD THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS WHICH WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO ALL THE PARTIES. NOW THE "PARTIES" I WOULD ASSUME -- I HAVE NOT CHECKED THIS OUT, BUT I THINK WE PROBABLY WOULD AGREE ON THIS -- WOULD BE THE GUARANTOR POWERS OF THE 1960 LONDON-ZURICH AGREEMENTS -- AND THE CYPRIOT GOVERNMENT.

I MEAN, WE ARE NOT A "PARTY" AS WE HAVE SAID REPEATEDLY. WHEN THE NEGOTIATIONS WERE GOING ON IN GENEVA, WE MADE THAT CLEAR. WE WERE THERE AT THE INVITATION OF THE PARTIES -- AS AN OBSERVER, OUTSIDE OF THE CONFERENCE FRAMEWORK -- THERE TO CONSULT WHENEVER THEY WISHED TO DO IT.

BUT WE DID NOT CONSIDER OURSELVES A PARTY AT THE TIME, AND WE DO NOT CONSIDER OURSELVES A PARTY AT THIS TIME.

Q: WELL, HAS THE ATHENS GOVERNMENT INFORMED US FORMALLY THAT THEY DO ACCEPT THE SOVIET PROPOSAL IN PRINCIPLE?

A: TO MY KNOWLEDGE, NO. THEY HAVE NOT.

Q: IN OUR CONTACTS WITH THE GREEKS, HAVE WE HAD ANY INDICATION FROM THEM THAT THEY ARE THINKING OF TERMINATING OUR BASE AGREEMENT?

A: THERE'S BEEN NO DISCUSSION OF THIS WHATSOEVER. THE

GREEK GOVERNMENT HAS NOT COME TO US ON THIS SUBJECT.  
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